Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0046] as follows:

[0046]   The derivation of the channel frequency response estimate $\hat{\underline{\mathbf{H}}}_b$ based on received pilot symbols for pilot subbands is described in detail in commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. <u>10/741,524</u> [Attorney Docket No. 030287], entitled "Channel Estimation for <u>an</u> Spectrally Shaped OFDM Communication System <u>with Inactive Subbands</u>," filed <u>December 19, 2003</u> xxx. The vector $\hat{\underline{\mathbf{H}}}_b$ may also be derived in other manners, such as with a minimum mean square error (MMSE) technique.